

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington is actively involved in the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the most comprehensive civil rights legislation in the world for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA provides anti-discrimination protection for our nation's more than 50 million Americans with disabilities and recognizes their right to be integral, contributing, productive, and valued citizens of our states; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as an emerging global economy we cannot either morally or financially afford to lose the contributions that people with disabilities bring to the workplace and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress by Joint Resolution, has designated October as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

### ***National Disability Employment Awareness Month***

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in reaffirming our determination to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2006

*Chris Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

